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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 13, 2014, at 1 p.m.

Senate

MONDAY, MAY 12, 2014

The Senate met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

O God our strength, You have placed music in our hearts, helping us to carry our burdens by providing us with a future and a hope. Let Your holy power renew our Senators today. Remove all that is withered and blighted within them, infusing them with serenity and calm to meet an agitated world fortified with Your peace. Teach them to love beauty, truth, and integrity, freeing them from pride as they strive to love You. Distill upon them the dew of Your kindness and use them for Your glory.

Lord, today we thank You for the United States Capitol Police, who sacrificed their lives for freedom: Sergeant Eney, Detective Gibson, Officer Chestnut, and Sergeant Holtz. May their exemplary legacies inspire us in all of our tomorrows.

We pray in Your merciful Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The President pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

HIRE MORE HEROES ACT OF 2014—MOTION TO PROCEED

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I move to proceed to Calendar No. 332, H.R. 3474.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

Motion to proceed to Calendar No. 332, H.R. 3474, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of the employer mandate under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, following my remarks and those of the Republican leader, the Senate will be in morning business until 5:30 p.m. today. Last week cloture was filed on S. 2262, the Energy Savings and Industrial Competitiveness Act. As a result, the filing deadline for all second degree amendments is 4:30 p.m. today. There will be up to three rollcall votes at 5:30 p.m. today: confirmation of the Rosenbaum nomination to be an Eleventh Circuit judge, then confirmation of the Croley nomination to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy, and, finally, a cloture vote on S. 2262, the energy efficiency bill.

A SECOND OPPORTUNITY

Mr. President, Henry Ford once said: "Failure is simply the opportunity to begin again, this time more intel-

ligently." Those are wise words from a man who knew a thing or two about overcoming logjams.

The legislation before us today is an opportunity for Senators to intelligently reconsider energy efficiency. The consequences of this opportunity loom very large for this body.

Shaheen-Portman is a good bill. It was a good bill last year when it was blocked by the Republicans. It is even better now. This legislation will give our country more energy independence and protect our environment. The Shaheen-Portman bill also gives Americans a fair shot at better providing for their families through increased savings on their energy bills. This is great for working Americans. It also creates 200,000 jobs.

Senators SHAHEEN and PORTMAN worked hard with Democrats and Republicans since this bill was introduced 3 years ago to make this legislation into the effective bipartisan bill it is today.

No single bill will solve all of our energy problems, but this is a good first step.

The business community agrees. This bill is supported by the Chamber of Commerce, the National Association of Manufacturers, and the Business Roundtable.

The Shaheen-Portman legislation is an opportunity for this country to address our energy needs on how they are affecting the environment. But the implications of this legislation extend far beyond energy efficiency. It goes to the integrity of this Senate we care so much about.

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